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In 1874 myself and family cared for the "Old Hall," later known as the Second Ward meeting house, and did so until it was vacated and the meetings were held in the newly erected Stake House. Then we cared for that building until 1909, having had them continuously for 35 years. During this time, my wife baked the bread for the Sacrament for Sunday School and Sacrament meetings.